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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Pacific Slope Congress

r. Charles E. Jefferson, the famous tor of Broadway Tabernacle, has accepted the invitation to give a es of addresses on the Earl Foun- on on the dates when the Pacific e Congress will be in session in keley, so that all delegates will be rileged to hear him.

r. Fred B. Smith, moderator of the ional Council of Congregational rches, will be in attendance at the gress, speaking at least twice. Dr. ris T. Reed, formerly of Flatbush rch of Brooklyn and now general retary of the Ministerial Boards, serve as chaplain, giving a devo- al address each day. Miss Mary ston will represent the Commis- n on Missions.

Negotiations are under way with ding clergymen and laymen from Coast, and it can safely be pre- ted that never has there been a ater galaxy of speakers for a Con- gational gathering in this section the country.

One feature of the program will be nen's banquet at which it is ex- ted that 500 men will attend. The men of the conference are planning uncheon and also an evening ses- n.

The congress will be held in the st Congregational Church, Berke- , September 30, October 1 and 2.

IN MEMORIAM ISAAC COOKMAN

Rev. Isaac Cookman, pastor of Cala- as County, passed away April 19th Angel's Camp. He had been the y resident Protestant pastor of laveras County for some years, and addition to preaching at Angel's mp and Murphy, ministered to the k and the needy in the mountain tnesses of the high Sierras. Mr. okman was a most unselfish man. have always served the churches t were down and under," he one e said. He has held pastorates at umwa, Iowa; Streeter, Illinois; San go, Sonoma, and also in Oklahoma d Colorado.

He was an untiring pastor. During Asilomar conference last year he ve the long distance back to his ish to conduct a funeral for a man o had been only once in his church, n drove back day and night for closing days. He was 77 years of at the time of his death and had rked at full speed until a few weeks . He was preceded in death by his e, who passed away less than a ar ago.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Leadership Training courses nducted by the Missionary Educa- n Movement at Asilomar, July 8 18, will this year give credit on the mbered courses in Religious Educa- n. These are standard courses. The ngregational allotment is 30 from rthern California and 50 from uthern California. Get your training Asilomar.

BEAUTIFUL ASILOMAR

Dr. Charles E. Burton, secretary of the National Council of Congregational Churches, will conduct a seminar on "The Minister and His Message" at the State Conference at Asilomar, which meets August 2-9. Dr. Burton, himself an outstanding preacher, and with mind awake to the problems of the day, is peculiarly qualified to lead such a seminar. Besides devoting five hours to this special work during the conference, he will give one evening address.

Rev. Norman B. Henderson of Fresno will be chaplain of the conference, using the last 30 minutes of each morning session in devotional service.

Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento will give three lectures on Russia, and Rev. John Howland, who has spent a lifetime across the border, will speak twice on Mexico.

Dr. Chauncey Hawkins, of First Congregational Church of San Francisco, will address the conference on one evening, and Dr. Gail Cleland of Alameda will preach the Sunday morning sermon.

COMING EVENTS

May 13—Bay Association, Broadmoor.

May 15—San Joaquin Association and Women's meeting, First Church, Fresno.

June 25-29—State C. E. Convention at Sacramento.

July 8-18—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.

August 2-9—Northern California Congregational Conference and Young People's Conference, at Asilomar.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2—Pacific Slope Congress, Berkeley.

POSITIVE FOLK

It is a valid objection to much modernism that it lacks definiteness and authority. We read amazingly clever treatises full of erudition and scintillating verbiage but which, like political platforms, open up as a broad highway run into a country road, then into a devious squirrel track and finally end up a tree.

Let the humanists who rank Jesus in the class with other religious teachers ponder the effect of His utterance on the multitudes, for they said He did not speak as the scribes. Socrates spent his time asking questions. Jesus came to answer questions. The gospel is good news. There is no shadow of uncertainty about Him. He did not express doubt. He was the great affirmer—"I am the bread of life; I am the water that shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life; I am the light of the world; I am the resurrection and the life; I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Here is an illuminating bit from a personal letter. "One often misses in the modern church the help and comfort in trials which is expressed in the gracious invitation, 'Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' Many of us are having a hard struggle and come to church hoping to find help to solve the problems which are beyond our strength."

Let us leave the Einsteins and Eddingtons to the professors and specialists. Let the theorists speculate. Let the men of the church declare "I know whom I have believed." The paramount need in the church today is for positive utterance by positive folk. There can be no valid Christian theology, systems or philosophy without an active Christian experience.

Ordination Unique

One of the most happy and unique ordination services that has taken place in this conference was held April 22 at the Japanese Independent Congregational Church of Oakland. The Park Congregational Church of Berkeley joined with the Japanese Church in the calling of a council for the examination and ordination of their respective pastors, Mr. Gordon H. Winsor and Mr. Mikio Ishino. After full statements of their religious experience and beliefs had been heard, the council unanimously voted to proceed with the ordination.

Before a united congregation of both races Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Congregational Chruch brought an appropriate sermon on the theme of "Breaking Down the Middle Wall of Partition." Rev. T. Katagiri, dean of theology at the Doshisha, read the scripture, Rev. Charles F. Clarke of Olivet Church, Oakland, presented the findings of the council; Rev. H. H. Gill extended the right hand of fellowship; Rev. Gail Cleland offered the prayer of ordination, and Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, the moderator of the council, gave the charge to the ministers while Rev. J. K. Fukushima gave the charge to the people. Rev. M. Ishino offered closing prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Gordon H. Winsor.

IN MEMORIAM WILLIAM RADER, D.D.

(Extracts from an eulogy delivered at Mission Park Church by Rev. Norman W. Pendleton.)

"One has moved among us these last few years, altogether lovely in spirit, serving quietly when he could, warming discouraged hearts, easing perplexed minds, who but a scant twenty years ago held all Northern California at tense attention as from a great pulpit. In a thrilling story published in Colliers Weekly in October, 1912, Peter Clark Macfarlane knighted William Rader among the noblemen of the nation as "The Preaching Vigilante of San Francisco."

"William Rader was a master of his craft. He was known as the Newell Dwight Hillis of the Pacific Coast. He was numbered, in the days of his power, among the ten great orators of the country. A native of Pennsylvania, a body from sturdy Quaker stock, his mind enriched by the New England scholarship and the Andover tradition, his heart beat to the call of the liberal West. California soon won and held his love. A short associate pastorate at the First Congregational Church of Oakland led to a call from the old Third of San Francisco.

"But William Rader was something more than a brilliant mind, he was a great heart. At times he was a blazing light of righteous indignation. But at all times he was a 'kindly light 'mid life's encircling gloom.' It is as the great heart, tolerant, kindly, understanding, that we have been privileged to know him most intimately."

"Shepherd Of The Hills"

Between the great highways—the Redwood of the Coast and the Pacific of the Valley—in Northern California lies a county with an area equal to the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined. While it has the very euphonious and orthodox name of Trinity, scattered about within its boundaries are villages with such matter-of-fact names as Big Bar, Peanut, Hayfork, Burnt Ranch, Deadwood and Coffee.

The territory is largely mountainous and wooded, but little of the timber will make merchantable lumber. Everywhere are evidences of the great mining industry of earlier days, and now and then one catches a glimpse of the huge pipes, nozzles and streams of water with which sides of mountains are washed away in the search for gold. Agriculture is limited, because of distance to markets. The only railroad in the county is a strip of a few miles which cuts across the southwest corner, but the State of California is constructing a highway from Redding in the Valley to Arcata on the Coast, which will follow the Trinity River much of the way through the heart of the county and which will bring this comparatively unknown region with its indescribable beauty, to the enjoyment of vacationists. There are deer in abundance in the forests, and when hydraulic mining is stopped there will be game fish in the streams.

The entire population of the county is probably not over 4,000, but the people are confident that with the coming of better roads there will be rapid and steady growth.

There is just one Protestant clergyman in this great county, but in spite of long distances and poor roads, he regards the county as his parish and seeks regularly to minister to it. Rev. Robert James Allen, with wife and daughter, who came to Trinity County from Cathlamet, Washington, reside in the parsonage at Weaverville, which is the county seat and the location of the "mother church." Here he preaches every Sunday night and occasionally in the morning. From here he travels to Hayfork over two mountain ranges a distance of 29 miles every two weeks where there is a small organized church. Twenty miles in the opposite direction is Lewiston, with another small church and community which he touches fortnightly. With a stereopticon recently acquired through the help of the former conference superintendent, he carries a drama sermon to Junction City and Helena, where friends kindly open the dining rooms of hotels as gathering places for services of worship. Recently he has opened work 50 miles away.

Not satisfied with bringing his ministry to six preaching stations, he distributes Home Department literature so that families in still more remote valleys can have religious instruction in their homes.

Throughout most of the county the roads are narrow and rough, with now and then a piece of one sloughing off and making the going difficult and dangerous. Recently generous friends of our cause helped in the purchase of a new Chevrolet sedan, which Mr. Allen proudly but relentlessly drives over that county.

That the work of this "Shepherd of the Hills" and his wife is appreciated is manifested on every hand by cheery greetings and hearty hospitality, even when limited means prevent the giving of adequate financial support, and many expressions of gratitude have reached our office for making it possible for this work to be carried forward.

THE WOMEN MEET

Spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California held in First Congregational Church, Martinez, Court and Susanna Streets, Tuesday, April 29th.

The morning session opened promptly at ten thirty o'clock, Mrs. Thomas E. Borden, presiding. The fine old hymn, "Oh, Love, That Will Not Let Me Go," sung by the two hundred and twenty-five women present, was a fitting opening of the large and enthusiastic group.

Devotional service, led by Mrs. George M. Stratton, Berkeley, voiced our devotion to God's Kingdom and His work.

Greetings by the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, were warm and sincere. He welcomed the group to the beautiful new church, gave a fine description of the work acomplished in the building and beautifying of the building and grounds, and paid a glowing tribute to the loyalty of the members of the church and community.

Projects by allotment were discussed by our president, Mrs. T. E. Borden, who explained the idea of interesting the heart of those who put their money in the work, by personal knowledge of the work and the workers in their project.

Now came a welcome surprise, not on the printed program. Mrs. Herman F. Swartz, just returned from an extensive trip abroad, was heartily welcomed, and in her usual happy vein gave a very brief glimpse of a visit to some of the mission schools and hospitals, and told of their entertainment in missions of other denominations as well as Congregational, in the foreign field.

Mrs. Gail Cleland's subject, "Who is Mr. Scrooby?" was interesting, instructive and entertaining. After keeping us all guessing, by wandering through the story of the rebellion of the Puritans against organized Christianity, and finding their freedom to worship God as they thought best, in coming to America in the Mayflower, the history of the Pilgrim Fathers, with William Brewster as the head of the newly established religion, with the clergy, laymen and congregation to decide how they would worship God, and finally, that Scrooby was the name of the native place of William Brewster.

Mrs. Fred T. Watson demonstrated with the little garments for a layette, the great importance of buying supplies for filling a quota on "Dollar Day."

Mrs. E. C. Peck, San Francisco, gave glimpses of foreign fields, using a large group of women dressed in the native costumes of Korea, Pekin, China, Manila, Siam, Egypt, Abyssinia; and a man from Pekin, Siam, Singapore, Cairo, Sophia, and a Bedouin, to illustrate her most interesting story of life in these countries, the many mission projects, schools, colleges and hospitals. She told of Miss Denton and some of her work, and of the love with which she is known throughout Japan. News from Miss Jilson and Miss Webb.

Introduction of churches of Upper Bay Association and roll-call of the other associations, by Mrs. LaVata Byerrum, associational president. Miss Dora Fall Smith, now a student at the Pacific School of Religion, told in a story of her life and education, her desire to become a missionary, in her address, "Looking Toward Japan."

Mrs. Hannah Hume Lee, from the Home Board, Boston, of Congregational Education Society, Department of Social Relations, dipped deeply into many of the challenging subjects of the time. After commending the work of the Missionary Board, she sees great beauty in our handwork. We must have discipline instead of comfort, as we work on. Social Service changed to Social Relations. She stated the case of a group of Armenian women who attended a church women's society meeting, much to their discomfort, showing how great the necessity of getting acquainted with folks. Social relations reaching out to the brotherhood of man. Are they foreigners or one of us? Industrial conditions must be intelligently dealt with. We must become intelligent on labor laws of the United States. Big problems belong to all countries of the world, raising disturbing questions before time. She touched briefly on world peace and international relations; urging wider use of prayer. Related some incidents of missionary work in North and South China, showing by a story, how little one does when not personally interested, and how much interest one has when they are personally supporting a project. She said "Let us go adventuring and not in our strength, but in the strength of the Master; God and I do all this."

Rev. Harley H. Gill, superintendent of Northern California Congregational Conference, addressed the group, saying, "Something not encouraging has to be reported to you at this meeting. We have to face together as the Federation and the Conference are really one, so the Federation will be remembered when these things arrive. We have one task, one fellowship. Some things must be brought to you in the way of statistics, cold facts, hard facts; nevertheless, we must face them. Do not feel discouraged. We must remember the great work that has been done, the great work that is being done. Face the facts, disappointing as they may be."

MAY E. HASWELL,
Chairman Press Committee.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

For the second time during the year of church activities the First Congregational Church of San Francisco has received nearly 100 members. On Sunday, April 27, there was a total class of 107, of whom 97 were actually present and received. Coming as this does within a few months after the loyalty campaign, with 94 new members, it makes a splendid increase for the year, totaling close to 200 members. The church reports a thousand people turned away on Easter Sunday, in addition to the two thousand which were accommodated at the morning service.

Special services of dedication at Broadmoor will culminate on May 13 with the spring meeting of the Bay Association. The Men's Club banquet, which was held on Wednesday, April 9, was attended by about 150 people paying $5 per plate for the building fund. Palm Sunday was devoted to the interests of religious education with the sermon in the morning by Dr. Miles B. Fisher, and conferences and addresses from 3 p. m. throughout the afternoon and evening. The World Service Club sponsored a supper and program on Wednesday the 23rd, and the young people presented a play on Friday, April 25. Communion and reception of new members took place on Sunday, May 4, and a general reception and neighborhood social is scheduled for May 9.

Easter Accessions

Alameda	
Oakland-Pilgrim	
Cloverdale	
Porterville	
Oroville	
Saratoga	
Oakland Plymouth	
San Francisco First	
Salida	
Cotati	
Redwood City	
Sacramento	
Ceres	
Santa Cruz	
Alturas	
Lodi	
San Francisco, Ocean View	
Mission Park	
San Carlos	
San Leandro, Broadmoor	
Fairfax	
Grass Valley	
Bay Point	
Palo Alto	
Soquel	
San Mateo	
New Members	

The church at Campbell celebrat the 41st anniversary of the organi tion of the church with a fellowsl dinner and program on Thursday e ning, April 24. A large percentage the members of the church answer the roll call and letters were re from absent and former membe The church evidences a spirit of l alty and devotion which is most couraging. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett its beloved pastor.

NOTES ON THE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

San Mateo Congregational Chur has practically completed its drive a building fund—$50,000. The pledg total to date $49,131 with the balan in sight.

In the past six years the church h paid off a debt of $12,000, more th doubled its membership, increased t Sunday School enrollment threefo about doubled its budget and now meeting the challenge of a new bui ing with such a splendid respon The result is a tribute to the fa and courage of its membership. T two daily newspapers gave full p licity and the organization plans Mr. J. H. Lang, who specializes Community Chest and church driv were a model of efficiency.

We rejoice to hear that Dr. Minc has so far recovered his health t he is able to accept the invitation the Santa Barbara Church to beco their stated supply for six months. begins this work on May 11th.

The projects are being presented the associations at their spring m ings by some member of the proj committee, and so far they have b accepted by the associations and being taken to the individual church Literature on these projects is be supplied by the conference offi More can be obtained on request.

CHARLES L. KLOSS.

Who can show the best percent of Easter accessions? Bay Point, w a membership of fifteen, added more at Easter, an increase of 2-3 per cent. Can anyone show a b ter record?

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Annual Retreat at Avalon

The Seventeenth Annual "Retreat," or "Convocation," was one of the best that we have had. There was a total registration of sixty-seven, which is slightly less than that of last year. The discussions and addresses this year were on vital and interesting problems of our day: "Changing standards regarding sex, marriage, and the family," "Ethics and morality," "Industrial, international and race relations," "Socialism and pacifism," "Progress in modern science," "Books and reading," "The program of Ghandi, the great reformer in India," "The program of Kagawa, known as the outstanding Christian of the Orient." These are but a few of the subjects discussed in addition to those dealing with the Bible, mysticism, the Life of Christ, and the relationship between man and God.

Dr. Kenneth Saunders of the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, was without doubt the most stimulating speaker at the conference. His three addresses dealt with "Gandhi," "Kagawa," and "Interpretations of Religion," but actually, in the spirited discussion that followed each of his addresses, a much wider range of topics was covered.

Mr. Sidney Dart, a missionary from South Africa, aroused the group to a point where some immediate action was desired when he told of the practice of forced labor, practical slavery, in Portuguese East Africa, where the negroes are forced to work on the cocoa plantations and are treated so abominably that they do not live more than two or three years.

Dr. W. W. Peet, for 45 years missionary in Turkey, told of some of his experiences during the massacres of the Armenians. He said, "I have found Christ through following Him in the service of humanity.

The afternoons were spent in recreation, many ministers enjoying the golf links, others the tennis courts, and still others hiking. Because of the rare opportunity that is provided for ministers to compare notes on methods and programs, the Avalon "Retreat," or "Convocation" is looked forward to throughout the year.

DR. SNAPE TALKS ABOUT ASILOMAR

This is just to tell you that I am tremendously interested in the M. E. M. meeting that is to be held at Asilomar this year, July 8-18.

I suppose I have always been interested in the M. E. M., but when I was elected chairman of the state committee I naturally began to look into it and study it a little more. I am heartily convinced there is nothing more we pastors could do for our people in the way of increasing their missionary knowledge and enthusiasm than to send them to Asilomar. Temple Baptist Church, of which I have the honor to be pastor, has in previous years sent large delegations. We shall try to bring the M. E. M. to the attention of your members, especially your young people, and see to it that they be given a chance to attend?

The "expertest" leaders of our denominations—missionaries on furlough, ex-missionaries, and others fired with missionary passion—will be on the faculty. Some of your young people, who have never attended the sessions of the M. E. M., would find this year's visit epochal in their lives.

JOHN SNAPE,
Pastor, Temple Baptist, L. A.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT CLAREMONT

When the Congregational Young People of Southern California gather for their annual conference at Pomona College they come for a specific purpose to which every part of the week's program is contributory. The purpose of the 1930 conference, as stated by the program committee, is to share in "An Adventure Toward God in a Changing World." This adventure toward God includes all the normal activities of a youthful Christian community such as worship, study of Christian experience, discussion of the vital problems of modern life, recreation and fellowship.

No more fitting and beautiful location for the carrying out of this purpose could have been chosen than the Pomona College campus where Congregational young people have gathered for the past ten years. The dormitories, Harwood Court and Smiley Hall, are occupied by the delegates and faculty. Meals are served at the College Inn, chapel is conducted in the Claremont Church, and classes held in the attractive Guildhall of the church adjacent to the campus. Pomona College generously throws open its athletic fields, swimming pool and beautiful Bridges Hall for our use during the week.

The government of the Conference is shared by the students and their adult leaders. A Student Council of eleven is elected on the second day and meets every morning during the second hour with two faculty representatives from the Council. Final authority in matters of discipline rests in the hands of the Student Council.

Morning Program

A precedent has been established at the Conference in the beauty and reverence of the morning chapel. The service is planned and conducted by the class in worship. All delegates are requested to go immediately from breakfast to the Claremont Church, and to be in their seats at the opening of chapel at 8:15 every morning.

Following chapel the morning hours are devoted to the association of students with teachers in a common adventure toward God. All the courses listed are planned to contribute to the Conference purpose, and the student is free to choose what leadership and subjects he desires.

Afternoon

Following the rest period which ends at three o'clock, organized athletics and free recreation consume the remainder of the afternoon, except Sunday. The program of sports will include a tennis tournament; singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Bring your racket and show your skill on the courts. Then there will be daily swimming from 3:30 to 5:30 in the new college pool, with a swimming meet scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd. Church basketball teams, boys and girls, will vie for Conference honors. Group volleyball competition will continue throughout the week. If none of these appeal you can pitch horseshoes. The traditional faculty-student baseball game is scheduled for Friday afternoon, July 4th, at Indian Hill. Competition for this event is running high after last year's faculty victory.

Evening

After dinner those who enjoy outdoor vesper singing may gather on the lawn in front of the College library. At 7:30 every evening there will be a varied program as follows:

Friday—Assembly for Conference Business and the opening address, Claremont Church.

Saturday—Conference Social, games and refreshments, in the Gymnasium.

Sunday—Evening Service, Bridges Hall.

Monday—Stunt Night, Guildhall.

Tuesday—Special Moving Pictures, Sumner Hall.

Wednesday—Communion Service, Bridges Hall.

Thursday—Religious Drama by the Conference class in dramatics, Guildhall outdoor stage.

Friday—Community Fireworks, football field.

Conference Chaplain

For 1930 we are creating a new position on the staff, to be known as "Conference Chaplain." Rev. Holland F. Burr, pastor of the Oneonta Church, and well acquainted with the traditions of the Conference, will serve in this capacity. He will give the opening address, preach the Sunday evening sermon, conduct the communion service, and be ready to serve for whatever occasions may arise. He will be free during the morning periods for personal interviews.

A COMMUNITY TREK TO DEATH VALLEY

A Community Trek to Death Valley, April 7-9 inclusive, was enjoyed by seventy-five people of Claremont, California, who motored to that famous and fascinating site of grim tragedy in seventeen cars. The trek was made under the personal supervision and guidance of Rev. John R. Lyons, minister of education of the Claremont Church. People of all ages (from six to eighty-six) and all creeds and no creeds found real joy in the fellowship and experiences of the trip. The first and second nights were spent in the excellent dormitory of the Pacific Coast Borax Company at Death Valley Junction, and the second day was devoted to a 160-mile trip about the rim and on the floor of Death Valley.

The commissariat carried with the caravan supplied good food at surprisingly low rates, and a service car driven by a local garage man brought up the rear of the cavalcade and helped impotent cars on their journey. The group voted that a similar trek be taken next Easter vacation. Prominent Congregationalists taking the trip were Dr. Arthur H. Smith, for fifty years a missionary in China; Dean E. C. Norton, formerly of Pomona College; Mrs. G. W. Hinman, wife of the Home Missions secretary; Rev. and Mrs. John Whittier Darr and family (Mr. Darr was formerly pastor of the Northampton Congregational Church, now professor of religion at Scripps College, Claremont), and Dr. O. V. Rice, 86-year-old minister.

A SINGING MEMORIAL

On Sunday, April 27th, the Ontario Church dedicated a beautiful $12,000 organ to the memory of:

Hiram Harwood
Eliza Haswell Harwood
Alfred P. Harwood
Margaret J. Harwood
Catherine S. Harwood
Aurelia S. Harwood
Alfred J. Harwood

It is called "The Harwood Memorial Organ." The program included some very fine musical selections played on this magnificent instrument, which is of the very finest quality and a masterpiece of the organ builders' skill. The presentation of the organ was made by Dr. Harry W. Fredericksen; the acceptance of the organ by Charles E. Harwood, LL.D.; the act of dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles L. Knight.

A Healf Century at Redlands

The Redlands Church has been celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding. There was in fact a whole week of celebrating beginning with the sermon on Sunday morning, April 27th, when Dr. H. C. Ide preached on "Fifty Golden Years" at the morning service and at the vespers a beautiful religious pageant, "The Seeker," was presented by a large cast from the League of Youth and the choirs. Thursday morning a May Day breakfast was served at the church and Thursday evening a jubilee program at which time a paper by Mr. J. S. Edwards on the growth of the church, was read. Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, extension secretary of the Southern California Congregational Conference gave greetings from the Conference and outlined the program of State and National Congregationalism. Friday was the climax as "Homecoming Day," beginning with an informal reception at the church from 4 to 6, followed by a dinner in the Baptist Church dining room. The after dinner speakers were J. S. Edwards, Rev. Lowell A. Young of San Bernardino and the Rev. H. V. Hartshorn of Highland, moderator of the San Bernardino Association. Many pioneers of Redlands, who were affiliated in the early days with the church, were present. All the ministers of Redlands and their wives as well as the ministers of the San Bernardino Association were special guests. After the dinner the final meeting of the day was held in the church, Mayor N. Leo Lelean of Redlands, the Rev. William Cowans, and the Rev. E. C. Norton of Claremont, were speakers. Stereopticon pictures of old days in the church were shown by Mrs. J. H. Williams and Miss Georgianna Strauss of Los Angeles sang an appropriate solo. An informal reception was held in the chapel immediately following the service. On Sunday morning, May 4th, Rev. Ide preached a memorial sermon, and in the evening there was a big union service at the University of Redlands, Memorial Chapel, when Rev. Lewis T. Reed, D. D. of New York, spoke on "A Half Century of Light." The combined church choirs of the city provided the music. Never in the history of the Redlands Church has there been such a wonderful celebration and the church is rightly to be congratulated on the leading part it has played in the life and growth of the city of Redlands.

RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. W. L. GOLDSMITH

The Mission Hills Church of San Diego held a family dinner and reception to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, formerly of Hyde Park Church, Illinois, on the evening of May 7th. Although Dr. Goldsmith has been in the church only since Palm Sunday he has already endeared himself to the people of the church, and there is a bright outlook for Mission Hills under his able leadership.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTED IN ALTADENA

The Rev. J. R. Hewitt has opened a Sunday school for children and young people in the Webster school district in Altadena. This section of Altadena has grown rapidly in the past four years. Many new homes have been built and the Sunday school was much needed. The school is held at present in temporary quarters, but it is hoped that this work will soon grow to a place where a building will be not only a necessity but an actual fact.

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NEW PASTOR WELCOMED

The Armenian Gethsemane Congregational Church was packed to the doors on April 20th when Rev. P. S. Levonian was installed as the pastor of the church. Rev. H. H. Khazoian of Pasadena, who was the former pastor as well as organizer of the Armenian Gethsemane Church, presided and gave an address of welcome. Rev. Paul Waterhouse conducted the installation service and extended the hand of welcome on behalf of the Conference. Mr. Levonian had been the former classmate of Mr. Waterhouse at Hartford Seminary. They had not met for seventeen years. Mr. Levonian preached a remarkable sermon on the outlook and hope of the church. The following Friday a dinner and reception was extended to Mr. Levonian at which 400 Armenians were present, when the son of Mayor Porter extended the greetings of the city. The various departments of the church and Sunday school extended greetings through their representatives. The meeting lasted from 6 to 11:30 p. m.

BOOK ROOM MAKES NEW ARRANGEMENTS

All of the books on the shelves of the Book Room in the Conference office, which had been received on consignment from the Pilgrim Press, have been sent back and arrangements have been made direct with the various publishing houses to secure books on ninety-day consignment. This means that the Book Room will have all the up-to-date books made available to the pastors and Congregational reading public. These books will be here only for ninety days at a time. There will be a quick turn-over, new books constantly coming in. Avail yourselves of the use of this Book Room; send in requests of books that you would like to see and we will secure them if possible on a ninety-day consignment for you to look at and purchase if you desire. We wish to make the Book Room as serviceable to you as possible.

SEMINARY NOTES

Rev. C. H. Harrison, superintendent of the Oregon Conference, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the commencement exercises May 8th.

Dr. Thomas Addison, honorary trustee of the Pacific School of Religion, who passed away recently, has left a certain part of his estate to the Pacific School of Religion, about $175,000. The income of this estate is to go to his heirs as long as they live, after which the whole amount will come to the school. This will help materially the endowment fund eventually, but does not relieve their immediate problem.

First Church Building Campaign

Three years ago one of the finest locations for the building of a new church, amounting to over an acre, was given to the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles by one of its members. After the resignation of Dr. Douglas, the First Church was up against the problem of finding a leader who could bring them successfully through a new building campaign. All eyes were turned toward Chicago where Dr. Carl S. Patton, who had been Minister of the First Congregational Church for eight years preceding Dr. Douglas, was then occupying the chair of preaching and church work in Chicago Theological Seminary.

With the definite understanding that a new building project would be launched immediately, Dr. Patton consented to return. Confidence in Dr. Patton's leadership ability has been fully justified by the results of the financial campaign completed last Sunday. The present location of the First Congregational Church is owned outright, free and clear of all encumbrances; the sale of which would go far to help the construction of the new church. However, it was felt that, in addition to the amount that would be realized from the sale of the present location, it would be necessary to launch a financial campaign for the securing of $400,000. Plans for a beautiful Gothic type church had already been submitted by Allison and Allison, one of the foremost architects in Los Angeles. The cost of this church would be approximately $750,000. The $400,000 financial campaign was launched Sunday, April 27th and concluded May 4th, with an enthusiastic rally of the membership completing the campaign, going over the top by more than $500.

GLEN AVON PLANS NEW BUILDING

On April 4th a mass meeting was held at the school house in Glen Avon, where dinner was served and the campaign for raising money to build a new chapel was launched. Over $500 was pledged in money and labor. Dr. Gardner, representing the Riverside Church, spoke of the great interest which his church had for this community and offered to do everything possible to further the enterprise. The Riverside Church is under-writing a part of the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Pinkerton. Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, moderator of the San Bernardino Association, was also present and aided materially in the raising of the contributions. The Conference office was represented by Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, who assured the people of Glen Avon of the backing of the Conference. It was a very successful meeting.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

The La Jolla Church was host to the San Diego Association at its semi-annual meeting on April 8th. As this was the semi-annual meeting little business was done but both the morning and the afternoon sessions were full of inspiration. In the morning Dr. Scudder led the devotional exercises and Rev. Wm. Forshaw gave an address on "Worship and the Prophetic Note." After lunch the Women's Missionary Hour, conducted by Miss Alice Parker, was especially interesting. Miss Frances K. Bement, for many years a missionary in China, gave a thrilling account of her work there. The closing address was given by Dr. Roy Campbell whose subject was, "In Search of Ancient Land Marks." Rev. Charles Leon Mears, the new pastor of the La Jolla Church, was a most gracious host.

Women's Annual Meeting

The fifth annual meeting of the Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California was held at the First Church, Pasadena, on April 28th to 30th. The theme of the convention was "The Supreme Task." Throughout the meetings, "The Task in Southern California," "The Task of the Toiler," "The Task our Legacy," and "The Unfinished Task," were presented in a most effective and appealing manner. Some of the outstanding speakers were Mrs. Clara Bryant Heywood, state chairman of International Relations for the Federation of Women's Clubs, who spoke on "The Supreme Task of This Generation"; Miss Frances K. Bement, who told of "China's Five-Year Program"; Pastor M. Elias of Hermosillo, Mexico, who told of "Why Protestant Work was Necessary in Mexico." Mrs. F. Sidney Dart, missionary from West Africa, told of the Jubilee in West Africa. Dr. William Pickens of Talladega College, spoke on "Community Interests of White and Colored People," while the closing address was delivered by Dr. Bruce Baxter on "Missions and World Peace." A most interesting and inspiring pageant entitled, "The Ring of Rama Krishniar" was presented by the young people. This play centering around a ring told of the consecration and devoted service of a group of Christians in India and how their example stirred to new life and consecration the members of an American church who had previously been self-centered and not interested in missionary giving. There was a total registration of 475, and it was felt by many that they had never had a more inspiring or successful annual meeting. Great credit is due to Mrs. E. B. Allen and those who worked with her.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PERSONALS

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, is to speak at the Chicago Theological Seminary and the Chicago Sunday Evening Club during this month.

Rev. Edmund Owens of Loomis has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Dr. H. S. Davidson continues to assist Rev. W. H. Youngman at Cloverdale. Mr. Youngman is still confined to his home.

Rev. G. A. Charnock recently sailed for England to visit relatives and to attend the International Congregational Council at Bournemouth.

Rev. J. H. McCartney, of Stockton, has been supplying our churches in Calaveras County.

Rev. W. W. Furze is preaching for two or three Sundays at Guerneville.

Rev. P. F. Royola gave an address at the union Good Friday services in Salinas, using as his subject "The Necessity of the Cross."

Rev. W. W. Ferrier, for many years editor of The Pacific, has just published "The Origin and Development of the University of California." This history is the result of years of patient and intensive research and is a notable contribution not only to the university but to an understanding of early California.

Soquel called Rev. J. C. Bolster, a Methodist minister, at the meeting held May 4th.

The article in last issue, "Meeting a Riot," on the Filipino situation, has been reprinted in leaflet form and is available for World Service Sunday Schools and also for general distribution in the churches.

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